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PETICOAT RULE OF UMATILLA IS ON IN FULL FORCE; WOMEN FILL ALL THE COMMITTEES

UMATILLA, Ore., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The old council of Umatilla City finished up old business and turned over the books and everything in order for the newly elected women officials last night, the women all being present and ready to take their seats.

Upon finishing the business, ex-Mayor E. E. Starcher made a few remarks stating in behalf of the ex-councilmen and himself: "We are done, finished." Holdover Councilmen Brownell and Stephens thought they were finished too after the committees had been appointed, as the personnel of all the committees was made up entirely of women, which practically eliminates all the power invested in the holdovers except a voting power and the ladies hold a majority in that feature.

In a short and concise message, Mrs. Laura J. Starcher, mayoresse, advised the council that she would not appoint a city marshal as the salary for that official was an unnecessary expense, calling attention to the fact Umatilla has a deputy sheriff on her streets daily while the city charter empowers any member of the council to make an arrest.

She asked for immediate action on the part of the light and street com-

mittees and cautioned the council that economy was the watchword, yet they wanted no false economy. In closing her message she stated in part: "There has been a great deal said about the so-called petticoat government and many wild speculations made as to how we would manage the city affairs, being mere women. However, we will manage the affairs of this municipality and do it in a creditable manner without a shadow of a doubt. And if I did not believe that any woman on this council was not as competent and capable as any man who ever occupied a chair in this council I would resign right now. It is a long way from the early steamboat days when Umatilla was the distributing point for all inland points of eastern Oregon and Idaho and the days of the wild Indians and cowboys to the so-called 'petticoat' government, but we are here, ladies, never the less, so let us all pull together for the improvement of what is left of the once famous old city."

The new officials are: Mrs. Laura J. Starcher, mayor; Mrs. Bertha Cherry, recorder; Mrs. Lola Merrick, treasurer; and Mrs. Stella Paul, Mrs. Gladys Spinning, Mrs. Anna Means and Mrs. Chauncey Brownell, councilwomen.

SHORT COURSE FOR FARMERS OFFERED BY HIGH SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOLT CO.

Farmers of Umatilla county are soon to be given an opportunity of attending school without much expense. The Pendleton high school is offering a short course for farmers through an arrangement with the Holt Mfg. Co. which will send lecturers here to instruct the farmers attending in gas engines, tractors, etc. The course will begin February 13 and will continue ten days or two weeks.

Incidentally the Holt Mfg. Co., which manufactures Holt combined harvesters and caterpillar engines, is to furnish the manual training department of the high school with one of its latest model tractors which will be used in connection with the course in gas engines. E. L. Smith, local representative of the company and a member of the school board, recently made the arrangements during his visit at the factory in Stockton, Calif. The engine is to be loaned on the same basis as the company loans engines to agricultural colleges, that is

without cost and with the guaranteed to replace the tractor with a newer model as soon as the new ones are out. The tractor is expected to arrive in time for the farmers' course. The Holt company will probably send two expert men here to lecture to the farmers on gas engines, explaining ignition, engine trouble, carburetors and everything pertaining to an engine. At the same time the manual training department will offer a course in concrete mixing and farm forging for the farmers while the commercial department will give any instruction desired by the farmers on the best methods of keeping farm books and preparing income tax statements.

A nominal fee will probably be charged the farmers to defray the small cost of the lecturers while here. Any farmer interested should see or communicate with R. E. Chouteau, head of the manual training department.

\$5,606,490 IS AVAILABLE FOR OREGON ROADS IN NEXT 5 YEARS

If the state of Oregon takes advantage of the federal road appropriation to the fullest extent during the next five years the sum of \$5,606,490 will be available for highway construction in Oregon, one half the amount being provided by the federal government.

Between this time and July 1, 1919, a total of \$955,054 from the federal road fund will be available for use in Oregon but such use will be contingent upon the state's providing an equal amount to apply on the work undertaken.

These facts came to light today through an interview by the East Oregonian with Joseph T. Schuyler of the government road service who is here supervising the work on the Rieth road.

Asked for an explanation of the government aid road law and its application in Oregon, Mr. Schuyler responded with a copy of an address that was given by another road department expert in Portland on Dec. 11. The information contained in this paper is so concise and illuminating it is here given in detail:

The act of congress signed by the president on July 11, 1916, known as the federal aid road act, is essentially an instrument for cooperative road improvement by the federal government and the several states through their state highway departments. The act deals with two distinct projects, and these remarks refer for the most part only to the first project which is this project for the cooperative construction of post roads. The amount of federal money provided by this act totals \$5,000,000, \$25,000,000 of which is for federal aid in the construction of post roads, and \$10,000,000 of which is for federal aid for roads and trails within or partly within the national forests.

Method of Apportionment.
The language of the act provides that the secretary of agriculture may

deduct from each annual appropriation 3 per cent for administration. The remainder of the appropriation shall then annually be apportioned to the several states on the basis of their area, their population and the mileage of rural delivery routes and state routes within their borders. There becomes available immediately on the passage of the act \$5,000,000 for apportionment and for each succeeding year for three additional years an amount increasing to \$5,000,000 annually will become available. Roughly speaking then, each state will be allotted during the 5 years an amount which increases by an amount equal to the first allotment each year, so that, for example, the \$78,687 apportioned to the state of Oregon for the fiscal year 1917 will increase by that amount each year until during fiscal year 1921 it becomes \$393,435. This apportionment is exclusive of the 3 per cent withheld by the secretary of agriculture for the administration of the act. Under section 8 of the act, which has to do with roads in the forest reserves, there will accrue to the state of Oregon approximately \$127,794 annually. In addition to this fund it is estimated that there will become available under the so-called ten per cent fund (forest revenues) amounts varying from \$25,000 for the present year to \$50,000 for the fiscal year 1921.

By the terms of the act \$1,180,305 of federal money for post roads must be met by an equal amount of state and county money. For the construction of roads in the forest reserves by money from the Federal Government an additional amount of \$888,976 is expected to be met by an equal amount of state and county money, so that during the next five years it is

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SCHOOL PUPILS TO HAVE EYES TESTED

Superintendent Park Recommends Purchase of Eye-Testing Apparatus: All Overhead Playground Material Will Be Removed, School Board Decides.

For the purpose of testing the eyes of the children of the public schools, the school board will probably purchase an eye-testing apparatus in the near future. Supt. Park made this recommendation last evening, stating he was personally qualified to make the tests and could secure corrective glasses at a small cost, whereas it would cost pupils from eight to ten dollars to consult an oculist. This cost was prohibitive to many, he stated. The apparatus costs about \$20, he reported.

Playground Apparatus Condemned.
The board last evening decided to remove all overhead playground apparatus at the schools such as swings, bars, trapezes, etc. on the ground that they are dangerous. Supt. A. T. Park reported that his own boy had been struck on top of the head by a swing and his scalp torn almost off. While he did not think that the death of the little Russell boy was due to injury received on the playgrounds, he declared the apparatus that takes the children off their feet is dangerous and might result in a damage suit to the district. The board had previously discussed the matter and last evening voted in favor of the recommendation.

A payment of \$798 was authorized last evening to I. Wilkes upon the contract for fixing the grounds and track at the high school. This was the estimate of F. B. Hayes, engineer. Mr. Wilkes protested, declaring he had moved at least a thousand yards of dirt more than allowed by the engineer. He was told to take the matter up with the engineer.

The board last evening authorized the purchase of various supplies for the various departments.

CHIEF NO SHIRT TO GO TO WASHINGTON

Will Take Up Personally With Indian Bureau the Division of the Tribal Lands to Which He is Bitterly Opposed.

Chief No Shirt of the Walla Walla called a council at his place yesterday for the purpose of arousing opposition to the proposal to divide the tribal lands among the children of present allottees and, while he and Captain Sumpkin led a spirited argument against the plan, champions of it were equally as vigorous and, as a result, it is anticipated that at least 50 more adult Indians will sign the petitions asking for the division of the lands between 75 and 100 signed at the recent council held at the agency.

No Shirt, however, is not ready to admit defeat. He expects to take the train tomorrow for Washington, D. C., to take up personally with the Indian bureau the matter and to attempt to block the plans of the advocates.

There were between 200 and 400 Indians in attendance at the council yesterday. Practically the entire opposition was present while the other side was well represented. Amos Pond, who has been hitherto opposed to the allotment idea, came over to the other side yesterday.

Jim Kash, who now lives on the Nez Perce reservation, again spoke in favor of the allotment yesterday, much to the displeasure of No Shirt and Sumpkin, who denounced him for becoming a citizen and paying taxes. Kash Kash came right back and asserted that all Indians should assume the duties of citizenship and pay their share of the cost of government.

RITNER APPOINTED TO INVITE STATE OFFICIALS

(East Oregonian Special.)
SALEM, Jan. 10.—Representative Roy Ritner made the motion before a joint session of the senate and house of representatives yesterday to invite the various state officials and the justices of the supreme court into the house auditorium to hear Governor Withycombe deliver his biennial message to the legislature.

President Mose of the senate, who presided at the session appointed Representative Ritner and Senators John Gill and W. D. Wood to deliver the invitation to the officials.

HOLLWEG WILL MAKE IMPORTANT SPEECH

ROME, Jan. 10.—Lusitano dispatches asserted that Chancellor Hollweg is preparing a note, defining the central powers war aims and outlining acceptable peace conditions.

FURNISH FARM CHANGES HANDS \$200,000 PAID

Syndicate of Pendleton Capitalists, Headed by Col. J. H. Raley Buys 3600 Acre Cold Springs Ranch.

Will Be Cut in Tracts

Land Is at Present Under Lease to a Number of Farmers But Will Be Divided into Smaller Tracts and Sold; Syndicate Will Try for Railroad.

One of the largest realty deals turned in Umatilla county during recent years was brought to a consummation today with the filing of a deed conveying the 3600 acre farm of W. J. Furnish, prominent Portland resident, to a syndicate of well known Pendleton capitalists headed by Col. J. H. Raley, pioneer attorney. The consideration involved is given as \$200,000.

The land lies on middle Cold Springs about 14 miles north of Pendleton and the syndicate proposes to cooperate with other farmers of that locality in securing a railroad from German Hall to Cold Springs Landing on the Columbia in order to reduce the heavy expense of marketing the crops caused by the present long haul.

The land is at present under lease to a number of farmers but it is the intention of the syndicate to cut up the land into smaller tracts and sell them. Furnish has owned the land, which is 30 and 40 bushel wheat land, for many years and still retains a farm of equal size further north in this county.

The associates of Col. Raley in the syndicate are not given out at this time though all are well known business men or farmers.

The syndicate intends to begin an active effort at once to secure a railroad to tap the Cold Springs country. The farmers of that community have for several years been trying to get some means of transporting their produce and have several times pledged substantial sums of money toward the financing of different projects.

BUFFALO BILL, FAMOUS INDIAN FIGHTER DIED TODAY



DENVER, Jan. 10.—Buffalo Bill died at twelve five o'clock today at the home of Mrs. May Cody Decker, his sister, from a complication of diseases. He lapsed into unconsciousness this morning.

Buffalo Bill had fought for his life very hard for the past week. He recovered sufficiently to go to Greenwood Springs but suffered a relapse and returned here. He remained conscious until this morning.

Colonel William F. Cody, scout, Indian fighter and frontiersman, better known as "Buffalo Bill," was born in Scott county, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1846, one of a family of eight children. His father, Isaac Cody, lived on a farm called "Napsinknee Place," to which Indians frequently came and taught young Bill their language.

When Bill was 10 he entered the employ of a man named Russell as a cattle driver and pony express rider. In 1857 his father died and Bill left for Salt Lake City with a troop of soldiers to quell a Mormon uprising. He killed his first Indian at the age of 12.

WAR NEWS SENDS WHEAT BIDS DOWN

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—Wheat dropped five cents on the report the American steamer Alexandria had been sunk. May wheat opened at \$1.92, fell to \$1.86 and half. The market closed at \$1.87 1/2.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

Open	High	Low	Close
May \$1.86	\$1.86 1/2	\$1.83 1/2	\$1.84 1/2
July \$1.52 1/2	\$1.50 1/2	\$1.45	\$1.47 1/2

Portland.
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(Special)—Club \$1.52; bluestem \$1.63.

WOULD EXPELL TOM MURPHY FROM P.H.S.

Subintendent Park Presents Formal Recommendation at Meeting of the School Board.

At the meeting of the school board last evening, Supt. A. T. Park read a formal recommendation for the expulsion of Tom Murphy from the high school for the balance of the school year. The board took no action but, at the request of the father of the young man, a special meeting will probably be held in the near future to consider the case.

It will be remembered that young Murphy, together with two other student body officials, were removed from their offices recently because of alleged infractions of the faculty rules. Murphy was later suspended from school by Principal Brill for alleged insubordination and the faculty sustained the principal's action. The superintendent last evening stated that an investigation had proved to him that the young man had violated certain sections of the school laws, had been wilfully disobedient and insubordinate and in general was a refractory student. He, therefore, asked that the action of the high school faculty be sustained and that the board formally expel the young man.

At an informal meeting of the board with Mr. Murphy several days ago the latter asked that a hearing be held so that the situation might be properly understood. The faculty has asked that no such hearing be held before tomorrow evening.

HOLD ELECTRIC BANQUET

Massillon Rotarians' Current Cooked Dinner Costs \$25 a Plate.
MASSILLON, Jan. 10.—Members of the newly formed Rotary Club of Massillon and their wives and friends sat down to a dinner costing \$25 a plate. Rotarians cooked the food and served it.

Covers were laid for 100 and for every two there was an electric grill, an electric percolator and chafing dish. The men boiled the steak, cooked the potatoes and made the coffee.

ADAMSON TEST SUBMITTED TO SUPREME COURT

Not Known When Decision Will Be Made; Last Arguments Concluded at 1:45 O'clock.

CONSTITUTIONALITY AT STAKE

Court Must Decide to What Extent Government Can Regulate Railroads Without Interfering With Private Ownership.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Missouri Gulf railroad's suit to have the Adamson law declared unconstitutional was submitted to the supreme court this afternoon. It is unknown when the decision will come.

Frank C. Hagerman, special assistant district attorney, concluded the arguments to the supreme court at one forty-five o'clock. He asked the court to define to what extent the government may regulate the railroads without interfering with private ownership. The supreme court must decide whether Federal Judge Hook was justified in declaring the law unconstitutional.

AUTO SHOW LOOMS ON NEAR HORIZON

Tentative Plans Are Arousing Much Interest Among Local Dealers and Other Citizens.

An auto show for Pendleton is the newest development on the horizon for the winter and though affairs are still in a tentative shape the proposal is arousing much enthusiasm among the local dealers and others interested in the cause.

For the purpose of starting the ball a-rolling, a meeting is to be held at the Commercial Club Friday evening. All local auto dealers are invited to attend the meeting a joint affair between the auto dealers and the entertainment committee of the club.

As a location for the show the Happy Canyon pavilion has been suggested, the floor space in the dance pavilion being sufficient to accommodate the show. The dates being considered most favorably are Feb. 15, 16 and 17. This would be shortly after the close of the auto show in Portland and would permit some good exhibits to be sent here from the Portland show.

Those backing the auto show say that in addition to the exhibits good entertainment features will also be provided.

MANY WOMEN WILL SEE WRESTLING BOUT

Crowded House Is Expected When Frank McCarroll and Fred Crabbe Mix at Oregon Theater Tonight.

A crowded house bids fair to witness the wrestling bout this evening in the Oregon theater between Frank McCarroll of this city and Fred Crabbe of Salt Lake. Already several hundred tickets have been taken, the appetite of the sport fans having been whetted by the long fast.

More ladies will be in the audience this evening than have ever seen an indoor sporting event in this city. Word was received today that a number of Pilot Rock fans are coming in with their wives for the event.

Both of the wrestlers are in fine fettle for the main event which will start promptly at 9 o'clock. The first of the three preliminaries will begin promptly at 8:15. The referee for the main bout has not yet been selected, the two grapplers disagreeing. It has been decided to permit the audience to name the third man on the mat.

ASKS FOR \$25,000 TO ADVERTISE SCENERY

SALEM, Jan. 10.—The Northwest Tourist Association asked the legislature to appropriate twenty five thousand dollars to exploit Oregon scenery. Muller presented a bill to make employers deduct aliens' taxes from wages. The senate passed a resolution that the ways and means committee should report all appropriations before the session thirty-first day.